

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended as supported at page 10, lines 16-25 of the specification.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1-4, 6-38 will now be active in this application.

The phrase "average aperture ratio" does not refer to "the number of apertures between the first major surface and the second major surface" or "the size of the apertures between the first major surface and the second major surface" but "average total area of apertures per unit area."

The phrase "average aperture ratio" is generally used in the field of liquid crystals as in USP 5,907,379 (In-plane switching liquid crystal display having high aperture ratio), also cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith. It is apparent for a person with ordinary skill in the art that the phrase "average aperture ratio" refers to "average total area of apertures per unit area."

Thus, the phrase "average aperture ratio" is not vague or indefinite.

In addition, the phrase "average aperture ratio" is substantially described in the specification., for example at page 10, lines 16-25.

Thus, the rejection of Claims 1 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraphs, should be withdrawn.

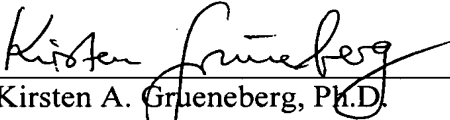
This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed

representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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